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Enclosed are Examiner's amendment and interview summary.


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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ray Cardillo Reg. No. 40,440 on November 3rd 2006.

With regard to original claim 9, please amend the claim so that it depends from claim 6. Line 1 of claim 9 should read as:

"The image processing apparatus according to claim 6,"

With regard to claim 15, please remove the lines 7-12. The claim repeats itself starting with the phrase "wherein said." Please remove the portion where the claim repeats itself, lines 7-12.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wes Tucker whose telephone number is 571-272-7427. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM-5PM.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on 571-272-2214. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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